(Ireland.)

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To authorize the Relief of the Poor of Ireland in certain Cases.

[Note.—The Words printed in *Italics* are proposed to be inserted in the Committee.]

WHEREAS the state of the Poor in Ireland requires the interference of Parliament: **Be it therefore Enacted**, by The KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, THAT every Irish Parish shall have power at discretion to relieve any Helpless Poor resident therein; and in cases of temporary general distress therein, any other Poor resident therein; and to assist in preventing Mendicity; and the duty of executing this Act shall primarily devolve on a Committee: FOR which Purposes, **BE it further Enacted**, as follows:

1. Parishes empowered to act.

Five Householders, chargeable with Grand Jury Rates for property within any Parish, may send to every Collector of Grand Jury Rates therein a requisition for a return of Rate-payers; and every Collector shall, within *Ten* Days after receiving such requisition, transmit to the Chief Constable of Police acting in the Parish a return of the sums respectively charged on and paid by every Person, not less in total payment than each, for property within his collection in the Parish, under presentments passed at Assizes occurring within the *Fifteen* calendar Months before the date of such return, together with the name and residence of every such Person.

2. Collector of Grand Jury Rates to make out Returns of Rate-payers.

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3. Chief Constable to form a List from the Returns.

Such Chief Constable shall make one List of the names of, and total sums respectively paid by, the Persons contained in the returns transmitted to him, giving priority according to the greater total sums so paid; and in every case of equality of sums according to the alphabetical order of surnames; and within *Twenty-one* Days after receiving such returns, shall cause copies of such List, as a notice, to be respectively posted on *Two* successive Sundays, and before the first posting thereof, delivered to the Clerk of the District Petty Sessions.

4. Chief Constable on requisitions to summon Committee.

Within *Seven* Days after receiving a requisition from *Five* Persons whose names are among the first *Fifty* Males on the List so delivered and posted, but not after *Three* calendar Months from the first posting thereof, the Chief Constable shall summon a Committee by notice, appointing for the meeting of the same a place in the Parish, and a time between *Ten* and *Twenty* Days from the first posting of such notice; and such Committee shall meet accordingly at *Eleven* o'clock in the forenoon.

5. Qualifications and continuance of Committee.

The Committee-men shall be such of the following Persons as are chargeable with Grand Jury Rates for property within the Parish; (namely) every Male whose name is among the first *Fifty* Males not under incapacity on such List, or who, residing within the Parish or *Three* Miles thereof, has for the year preceding the first posting of such notice occupied or enjoyed property valued at or more yearly, or been the known agent for any property valued at or more yearly, in any valuation then applicable for the purposes of this Act in the Parish, or been a voluntary contributor of to a Dispensary or Hospital therein, or towards the relief of the Poor thereof, under this Act, or is for the time qualified to vote at the election of a Member of Parliament by the Registry of Property within the Parish to the amount of yearly; and every such Committee shall continue for *One* Year, and may afterwards be re-assembled in like manner from year to year.

6. Seven Committee-men may act; Chairman and Voting.

Seven Committee-men assembled under this Act shall constitute a Committee for the execution thereof; and a Committee-man chosen by and out of those present shall be the Chairman for the day; and every Committee-man present shall have One Vote, and the Chairman shall have a Casting Vote besides; and all questions shall be decided by a *Majority* of Votes.

7. Meetings and Adjournments.

A Committee shall not be constituted without repeating all the beforementioned proceedings, if *Seven* Committee-men are not present before *Noon*

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Noon on the day appointed for its commencement; and after having been constituted shall stand adjourned once only to the next day at *Eleven* o'clock in the forenoon (Sunday excepted), whenever *Seven* Committee-men are not present after *Noon*, or any business is unfinished at *Four* o'clock of the same day; and shall also meet at *Eleven* o'clock in the forenoon on the *first Monday* in every alternate calendar Month, at such place in the Parish as shall have been fixed at the previous Meeting, or if none such, then at the last place of meeting.

8.

Clerk.

The Committee at its first meeting shall appoint a Clerk, with a Salary not exceeding a year, and shall divide the Parish into Sections, each consisting of and being designated from one or more of the denominations of property therein liable to be separately assessed to Grand Jury Rates, having reference to the union in the same Section of tenements held under the same landlord; and shall appoint not less than *Six* nor more than *Twelve* Committee-men, resident within the Parish or *Three* Miles thereof, to be a Sub-committee until superseded; and shall fix a place in the Parish for the meeting of the same, and assign to every Sub-committee-man the superintendence of one or more of the Sections; and shall appoint one of the Sub-committee-men to be "the Guardian of the Poor," and another to be "the Deputy Guardian of the Poor;" but where such Sub-committee exists at the time, one half thereof, or any Sub-committee-man who has been in office longer than one year, and is not the Guardian or Deputy Guardian, shall not be re-eligible while a sufficient number of other Committee-men are by the Committee considered eligible for the Sub-committee, so that there shall be a continued Rotation.

Sectional Divisions.

Sub-committee.

Guardians and Deputy Guardian of the Poor.

Rotation.

9.

Meetings of Sub-committee.

The Sub-committee shall meet at *Ten* o'clock in the forenoon on the *last Wednesday* in every Calendar Month, and also whenever summoned by notice from *Three* Sub-committee-men, delivered to every other Sub-committee-man *Three* Days at least before the time of meeting stated in the notice; and *Three* Sub-committee-men, including the Guardian or Deputy Guardian of the Poor, shall suffice to constitute a Sub-committee; and the Guardian, or in his absence the Deputy Guardian, shall be Chairman thereof; and every Sub-committee-man present shall have One Vote, and the Chairman shall have a Casting Vote besides; and all questions shall be decided by a *Majority* of Votes, and the Committee's Clerk shall be Clerk of the Sub-committee.

Their Chairman.

Voting and Clerk.

10.

Places of Meeting;

Adjournment.

The Sub-committee may alter the place of its meeting in the Parish, and shall stand adjourned once only to the next day at *Ten* o'clock in the forenoon (Sunday excepted), whenever a sufficient number thereof is not present after *Eleven* o'clock in the forenoon or any business is unfinished at *Five* o'clock of the same day.

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11. Poor Roll.

The Sub-committee shall, within *One* calendar Month after its appointment, make, and afterwards, as occasion may require, amend a Roll of the Helpless Poor resident in the Parish who are above *Sixty* Years old, orphans under the age of *Fourteen* Years, maimed, diseased, idiot, lunatic, blind, or deaf and dumb, and of the Sections wherein they respectively were born, and for the greater part of the *Three* Years before their first entrance on the Roll resided, or obtained support by their industry, where the same can be ascertained, and of their characters, and of the causes of their helplessness, and of their relatives (if any) resident within the Parish or *Three* Miles thereof, and of the sum proper for the relief of every Person on the Roll, and of the sum requisite for contingencies, and of the charges to be levied on the Parish at large, and on any of its Sections respectively; and also a Statement of all Funds applicable to the relief of the Poor in the Parish which are not by law required to be distributed by some particular person; and shall from time to time lay such Roll and Statement before the Committee, and shall superintend the Collection, and under the orders of the Committee have the Application of such Funds and of the Money raised under this Act for the use of the Parish; and shall both in every *Six* calendar Months, and whenever ordered by the Committee, lay before it a full and particular account of all Receipts and Disbursements of the Sub-committee, with the Balance thereof; and shall within *Twenty* Days after quitting office, deliver a like account to the succeeding Sub-committee; and all Documents and Property under the care of the Sub-committee shall vest in the Sub-committee for the time being, and be preserved in such place as the Committee shall direct, and be recoverable in the name of the Guardian of the Poor for the time being.

Statement of Funds.

Collection and Application of Funds.

Accounts.

Property under Sub-committee's care.

12. Duties of Clerk.

The Committee's Clerk shall continue in office until superseded, and shall attend every Meeting of the Committee and Sub-committee, and enter the Minutes, and keep the Books and Accounts thereof, and permit the same to be freely examined and copied, at all reasonable hours, by every Parishioner chargeable with Grand Jury Rates.

13. No Remuneration, except Clerk's Salary.

No Committee-man or Sub-committee-man, nor any Committee's Clerk (his Salary excepted), shall have any Remuneration or derive any benefit from the Parish Funds.

14. Authentication of Proceedings.

All proceedings of the Committee or Sub-committee shall be authenticated by the Signatures of the Chairman and another Member present.

15. Committee's Business.

The Committee shall from time to time determine the Helpless Poor, answering the foregoing descriptions, who are to be on the Roll, the sums to be allowed for, and the duration of their relief respectively,

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respectively, whether they are to be relieved wholly or partly by the Parish at large, or specified Sections thereof respectively; and the sum requisite both for ordinary and for contingent demands to be levied on the Parish, and on any of its Sections respectively, and the special purposes for which the same is to be levied; and shall prepare a full statement of such determination, and of every new division of the Parish into Sections, and of every appointment of the Guardian or Deputy Guardian of the Poor, and of all Funds applicable by the Sub-committee to the relief of the Poor in the Parish; but the sum required for contingent demands shall not exceed *One-third* of the Sum required for ordinary demands; and when a valuation becomes applicable for the purposes of this Act, the amount so to be levied in any one year on the Parish at large, or on any Section exclusively, shall not exceed in the pound on such annual value thereof respectively.

Limitation of Sums to be levied.

16. Such Statement shall, within *Seven* Days after its completion, and at least *Six* Days before the ensuing Assizes, be transmitted by the Guardian or Deputy Guardian of the Poor to the Secretary of the Grand Jury of the County, who shall lay the same before the Grand Jury at the Assizes next after the end of the *Six* Days; and a copy of the Roll contained therein shall, within the like *Seven* Days, be posted by the Committee's Clerk in the Court-room of the District Petty Sessions.

16. Statement to be laid before Grand Jury;

and Roll to be posted.

17. Such Statement may, on appeal, be altered by the Grand Jury in all or any of its particulars, according to the subject of appeal; and with such alteration (if any) shall become a Grand Jury Presentment.

17. Alteration of Statements.

Presentment.

18. The Rates payable under this Act shall be levied as Grand Jury Rates have heretofore been levied; but when a valuation of the Parish becomes applicable for the purposes of this Act, such valuation shall be the guide for ascertaining the amounts of individual assessments by a parochial and sectional poundage, to be certified by the Treasurer of the County to every Collector of Grand Jury Rates in the Parish, and also to the Chief Constable of Police acting therein, who shall post the same as a notice; and, as far as no sufficient guide shall be for the time provided by any such valuation, the proportions in which individual assessments shall be made within every denomination liable to be separately assessed to Grand Jury Rates, may from time to time be fixed by the Certificate in writing of *Two* Persons appointed by the Magistrates at the District Petty Sessions; and every such Certificate shall be verified by the oath of such *Two* Persons at any such Sessions, and shall be delivered in duplicate to and preserved by the Treasurer of the County and the Collector of Grand Jury Rates from

18. Mode of levying Rates.

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the property affected thereby, and shall remain in force until a subsequent valuation, or a change of the property comprised therein shall have superseded the same, or rendered a new Certificate necessary.

19. Valuation of Parish.

A Valuation of the Parish, made under the Act passed in the seventh year of his late Majesty King GEORGE the Fourth, for the uniform Valuation of Lands in Ireland, and in the mean time whenever made under any other Statute, shall be adopted under the following Regulations; (namely) the Sub-committee shall add thereto all Fisheries omitted therein, with the average clear annual value of the same respectively, during the *Three* Years preceding their appointment, and also all Compositions for Tithes, and all Tenements omitted therein, with the respective annual value of the property included in the amended Valuation, according to the scale fixed by such Act of the seventh year of his late Majesty King GEORGE the Fourth, as far as it may be applicable, and also with the names of the respective occupiers and immediate owners of such property; and shall expunge therefrom all fractions of a pound, and all Tenements devoted to charitable or other public purposes, or of less value than a year each, or erected within the *Seven* like preceding Years, and all increased value occasioned by improvements made within the same period; and shall, pursuant to public notice, deposit copies of such amended Valuation, certified by the Sub-committee, with the Committee's Clerk, and Guardian and Deputy Guardian of the Poor, respectively, for *Fourteen* Days, in order that the same may be freely examined and copied, at all reasonable hours, by any of the Parishioners chargeable with Grand Jury Rates; and shall immediately after the *Fourteen* Days meet and decide all objections to the amended Valuation, and may alter the same according to the objection; and shall stand adjourned from day to day at *Ten* o'clock in the forenoon (Sunday excepted), while any such objection is undecided; and shall, pursuant to further public notice, deposit like certified copies of the Valuation finally arranged by the Sub-committee, in like manner and for the like period and purposes; and the Valuation so finally arranged shall (subject to alteration on appeal, conformably to the foregoing directions) be adopted for the purposes of this Act; and copies thereof shall be forthwith transmitted by the Sub-committee, through the Clerk, to the Secretary of the Grand Jury and Treasurer of the County, and to every Collector of Grand Jury Rates in the Parish; and the adopted Valuation may, after the expiration of every *Seven* Years, be from time to time amended in like manner; but Tenements immediately occupied under the same Party, and each of less value than a year, and together of greater value than a year, and being (where the Parish is divided into Sections) in the same Section, shall be included as one Tenement in the amended Valuation,

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Valuation, together with the name of such Party as actual occupier thereof, who shall be dealt with accordingly, yet not so as to make the Teoant's goods liable to seizure; and such Party shall be answerable for the Rates charged on accouot of such Tenements, in an action at the suit of the Collector; and service of process on such Party's known agent shall be equivalent to personal service thereof; and the total acreage aod annual value of every denomination liable to be separately assessed to Grand Jury Rates, shall be made to appear in such amended Valuation; and a prioted copy of that part of such amended Valuation which states the total acreage and annual value of every such denomioatiou, certified by the signatures of the Treasurer of the County and Secretary of the Grand Jury to be correct, shall be evidence thereof for the purposes of this Act.

Landlords or other Owners answerable fo certain Rates.

20. Recovery of Rates and Deductions ever on account thereof.

The Rates recoverable under this Act shall not exceed *One* Year's Arrear; and when a Valuation shall, under tbis Act, bave been adopted for the Parish, every Party having paid Rates, or any part thereof, directly or indirectly, under this Act, may, out of and in part satisfaction of the next rent payable by such Party for the same property, make a Deduction not exceeding *Three-fourths* of such poundsge, on the annual rent thus payable, as shall have been used for ascertainiog the rates in coosequence whereof the deduction shall be claimed; but the deductiou shall not exceed the paymeot which immediately gives rise to it, nor contain a fraction of a peony, nor affect any remedy by ejectmeot; and every stipulation for defeating such deduction, in cooncxion with nny assurance made for an estate not exceeding *Three* Lives or *Thirty-one* Years shall be void; and every private annual sum payable out of property cbarged with Rates under this Act (Interest for Moncy excepted) shall be subject to deduction like rent.

21. Extraordinary general Distress.

Whenever *Ten* or more Persons subscribe and pay to the Guardian or Deputy Guardian of the Poor

in the whole for the relief of general distress in the Parish of a temporary nature, and an Extraordinary Committee determiue that such distress exists, or is to be apprehended, and that the usual means of relieving the same are insufficient, and that a sum not exceediog the amount of subscription paid, nor the amount wbich may be levied on the Parish at large, or any of its Sections, in one year, uoder tbis Act, for usual purposes, shall be levied thereon respectively in furtherance of such relief, the Committee shall prepare a full Statemeot of the particulars of such subscriptioo, distress, insufficiency and sum to be levied, and shall transmit to the Treasurer of the County such Statement in duplicate, with tbe Money so subscribed and paid; and whenever such Statement and Money subscribed shall be received by the Treasurer more than *Four* Weeks before the then ensuing Assizes,

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he shall forthwith transmit to the Chief Secretary of the Chief Governor of Ireland such Statement and a certificate of the Money received; *and the Chief Governor may thereupon order an advance to such Treasurer out of the Consolidated Fund, of any sum not exceeding the sum so determined to be levied; and the same shall be advanced accordingly, and be repaid, without Interest, in such manner as the Commissioners of the Treasury shall from time to time appoint, out of the next Money levied within the Parish for the purposes of this Act; but the amount of all the advances so made by the Chief Governor to all such Treasurers, shall not in any year exceed the sum of One hundred thousand Pounds.*

22. Mendicity Societies.

When a Society for preventing Mendicity in the Parish shall exist, and the Committee determine that the funds of the Society are insufficient, and that a sum not exceeding *Half* the total annual contributions for the support of the Society during the preceding year, nor the amount authorized to be levied on the Parish at large in one year under this Act for usual purposes, shall be levied in aid of the Society's funds, the Committee shall prepare a full Statement of such insufficiency and sum to be levied, and transmit a copy of such Statement to the Treasurer of the County.

23. Statements and Orders to be laid before Grand Jury.

The Treasurer shall lay before the Grand Jury at the then ensuing Assizes every Statement relative to general distress or to a Mendicity Society, and every order issued by the Chief Governor, with a full account of all Money received by him in relation to general distress, whether from subscriptions or otherwise; and such Statement may on appeal be altered by the Grand Jury in all or any of its particulars, according to the subject of appeal, but without affecting the sum contained in the order of the Chief Governor, or the repayment thereof, and shall with such alteration (if any) become a Grand Jury Presentment.

24. Presentments not traversible.

Every Presentment under this Act shall be exempt from traverse, and shall be fiated by the Court, and carried into effect accordingly, by levying the sum thereby presented on the Parish at large, and on every Section chargeable with the same respectively.

25. Payment of Money levied.

All Money received by the Treasurer of the County under this Act for the use of the Parish or any of its Sections, or of a Mendicity Society, shall from time to time be paid by him to the Guardian of the Poor, under the directions of the Committee, and for the purposes for which the same was so received.

26. Half-yearly Accounts to be laid before Grand Jury.

A full and particular Half-yearly Account of all Receipts and Disbursements under this Act shall be made out by the Sub-committee to the

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the *First day of January* and the *First day of July* in every year, and shall be laid by the Guardian or Deputy Guardian of the Poor before the Grand Jury of the County at every Assizes, and be deposited in the Office of their Secretary for public examination.

27. United Parishes to be distinct.

Parishes united in one Benefice shall be distinct Parishes for the purposes of this Act.

28. Union of Parishes.

When the Chief Constable's List does not contain *Twenty* Persons qualified for Committee-men, after a Committee has been duly summoned, a Meeting, consisting of more than *Half* the qualified Males in such List, may be held as a Committee, and may forward a Memorial to the Chief Governor of Ireland, for uniting the Parish to any adjoining Parish in the same County, a copy whereof shall be delivered and posted as a notice in the adjoining Parish; and on proof of such delivery and posting, the Chief Governor may, by an Order in Council, direct the union of such two Parishes, which shall become one Parish for the purposes of this Act, when the Order shall have been lodged with the Treasurer of the County; and a copy of the Order signed by the Treasurer shall be evidence thereof.

29. Other local Divisions.

Any number of denominations of property liable to be separately assessed to Grand Jury Rates may from time to time, on the Memorial of the Grand Jury of every County within which the same may lie, and on proof of a copy of such Memorial having been delivered and posted as a notice in every Parish within which the same may lie, be erected by the Chief Governor of Ireland, by Order in Council, into a distinct Parish for the purposes of this Act, to be known by a name specified in such Order, and shall accordingly become such distinct Parish when such Order shall have been lodged with the Treasurer of every such County; and a copy of such Order, signed by any such Treasurer, shall be evidence thereof.

30. Requisitions authenticated.

All Requisitions shall be subscribed with the Names and Residences of the Requisitionists in their own handwriting respectively.

31. Posting, &c. of Notices.

All Notices shall be fairly written or printed, and signed by the Persons respectively giving the same, and shall (except in cases of Sub-committee Meeting, Appeal or Action) be posted on every Police Station (if any), and between *Noon* and *Four* o'clock in the afternoon on the principal outer-door of every place of public worship (if any) in the Parish appointed for the purpose by the Committee; and if no Police Station or such place of public worship, then between *Noon* and *Four* o'clock in the afternoon on the usual place for posting Notices of Applications for Grand Jury Presentments in the Parish, and before the first posting, be delivered to the Clerk of the District Petty

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Sessions (if resident in the Parish) for public examination; and leaviag a Notice at the usual ahode, and with any of the family, above *Sixteen* Years old, of the Party to whom the same is to be given, shall be a Delivery thereof.

Delivery of Notices.

32. Extraordinary Committee.

Aa Extraordinary Committee shall mcct at the last place of Committee Meeting, and at *Eleven* o'clock in the forenoon on any day (Sunday excepted) whencver convened by notice from *Seven* Committee-men, posted on *Three* successive Days, between *Ten* and *Twenty* Days next before its meeting, and spccifying every purpose for which it is to meet; and shall have all the powers of the Committee in respect of the matters specified in the Notice; aad under that regulation such Extraordinary Committee only may, when composed of a greater number of Committee-men than a previous Committee, alter, rescind or supply omissions in any of the proceedings of such previous Committee.

33. Vacancies in Offices.

The Office of Committee's Clerk, Sub-committee-man and Guardian and Deputy Guardiau of the Poor, when vacated by death, resignation or incapacity, may be filled hy the Committee at any of its meetings.

34. County Treasurer's Securities.

All present and future Securities for the faithful performance of the duties of Treasurer of the County shall extend to all Money received by him under this Act.

35. Penalties.

Every Person neglecting to fill the office or perform the dutics put upon him by this Act, (not heing the office of Guardian or Deputy Guardian of the Poor filled by bim within the *Five* preceding Years), or wilfully impeding or unduly interfering with the execution of this Act, shall for every such offence forfeit a sum not exceeding to be imposed within *Three* calendar Moaths thereaftcr, by *Two* Magistrates at Petty Sessions, on proof thereof by the confession of the Party or testimony of *One* credihle Witness, and helong *one half* to the Guardian of the Poor in aid of the parish funds applicahle under this Act, and the *other half* to the Prosecutor, aad in dcfault of payment for *Five* Days, to he levied with all Costs resulting from the Non-payment, not exceeding by distress and sale of the Offender's Goods, on a Warrant under the bands and seals of *Two* Magistrates at Pctty Sessions, and the overplus (if any) of such sale shall be returned to thc Offender; and if, on the return of the Warrant, there appear by like testimony to be no sufficieat distress, every such Offender may, on a like Warrant, specifying the forfeiture imposed and Custs occasioned thereby, be committed to the Gaol or Housc of Correction for the County, there to remain without hail

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bail or mainprize for any period not exceeding *Two* calendar Months, if such forfeiture and costs so long remain unpaid.

36. Appeals.

Every Person aggrieved by any proceeding under this Act, may appeal as follows; (namely) to Petty Sessions in respect of omissions or particulars in the Chief Constable's List; to the Grand Jury at Assizes for the County, in respect of the Committee's determinations for dividing the Parish into Sections, or on account of any of the Poor actually placed on the Roll, the Sums to be allowed for their relief respectively, or such relief being specifically charged on any of the Sections respectively, instead of the Parish at large; and to the General Quarter Sessions for the County in respect of omissions or particulars in the Valuations, or of forfeitures authorized by this Act; and the Court of Appeal may confirm, annul or alter the matter appealed against, and award to either Party such Costs not exceeding as may seem just, which shall be recovered like costs of forfeiture under this Act, on a Warrant under the hands and seals of *Two* Magistrates for the County; but every Appellant must give notice of appeal, and of the specific subject and ground thereof, to the Committee's Clerk and Guardian or Deputy Guardian of the Poor (if any), and if none, to the Chief Constable of Police acting in the Parish, when made to Petty Sessions *Three* Days, and when made to the Grand Jury or in respect of Valuations *Ten* Days at least before the time of hearing the Appeal; and a like notice to the Clerk of Petty Sessions, when made in respect of a forfeiture, within *Three* Days after such forfeiture is imposed; and must in the last case, within *Three* Days after such notice, enter into a Recognizance with *Two* sufficient Sureties, before a Magistrate of the County, for prosecuting and abiding by the issue of the Appeal; and must lodge every Appeal to the Grand Jury in their Secretary's Office *Three* Days at least before their meeting.

37. Prosecution of Appeals.

Every Appeal must be prosecuted at the Court of Appeal next after the occurrence of the grievance complained of, and the expiration of an interval *Double* the time allowed for giving Notice of Appeal; but no pending Appeal shall suspend the levying of money charged on any Parish or Section; nor shall the decision on an Appeal about a Valuation be retrospective.

38. Forms.

The Forms contained in the Schedule shall be used, so far as they are applicable.

39. Construction of Act.

The provisions of this Act concerning a "County" shall apply to a "Riding," to a "County of a City or Town," and to a "City and County;" and those concerning a "County" or "District," to the "County" or "District" wherein the greater part in extent of the Parish is situate, so as to make the whole Parish within such County

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or District for the purposes of this Act; and those concerning Grand Juries at Assizes to Grand Juries at Presenting Terms in the County and County of the City of Duhlin; and those concerning the Chief Governor, to the Lords Justices acting in his stead; and those concerning the Chief Constahle, to the Chief Peace Officer of every place where there is no Chief Constahle.

40. Indemnity.

Any proceeding under this Act shall not be quashed for want of form, or removed into any of His Majesty's Courts in Dublin, nor through irregularity amount to trespass; but every Party aggrieved thereby may by action on the case, brought within *Three* calendar Months after the occurrence of the grievance complained of, and not otherwise, recover satisfaction for the special damage, when no sufficient amends have been tendered in the mean time, and notice of such action has *Ten* Days at least before the bringing thereof been delivered to the Party against whom the same shall be brought; and whenever such action fails, the Party complained of therein shall have *Double* Costs.

SCHEDULES

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SCHEDULES to which this ACT refers.

SCHEDULE (A.)

REQUISITION TO THE COLLECTOR.

Parish of County of

To A. B. Collector of Grand Jury Rates.

THE undersigned Householders, chargeable with Grand Jury Rates for Property in the Parish, require you to deliver to the Chief Constable of Police a Return of the Persons who have been charged with and have paid Grand Jury Rates within your Collection in the same, pursuant to the of WILLIAM the Fourth, chapter

Dated this day of 183

(Signed by Five Requisitionists.)

SCHEDULE (B.)

COLLECTOR'S RETURN.

Parish of County of

No.	Name.	Amount charged. £.	s.	d.	Amount paid. £.	s.	d.	Description of Property charged.	Residence.	No.
1	A. C.	10	10	–	10	10	–	Land & Houses		1
2	C. F.	10	9	–	10	5	–	Houses - -		2
3	G. K.	9	–	–	8	10	–	Land - -		3
14	W. B.	4	–	–	2	5	–	House & Land		14
15	V. R.	3	–	–	2	10	–	Land - -		15
42	Y. M.	1	–	–	1	–	–	House -		42

I certify, That the above is a true Return of the Names of all Rate-payers, and of the Sums charged on and paid by them respectively, for Property within the Parish [or, within my Collection in the Parish], under Presentments passed at Assizes occurring within the Fifteen Calendar Months before this date, pursuant to the of WILLIAM the Fourth, chapter

Dated this day of 183

(signed) A. B., Collector of Grand Jury Rates in the Parish.

To C. D., Chief Constable of Police.

SCHEDULE (C.)

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S LIST.

Parish of County of

No.	Name.	Amount paid. £.	s.	d.	Description of Property charged.	Residence.	No.
1	A. C.	10	10	–	Land & Houses		1
2	E. G.	10	7	–	Land & House		2
3	C. F.	10	5	–	Houses - -		3
4	N. F.	10	–	–	Land - -		4
5	G. K.	8	10	–	Land - -		5
6	A. Y.	8	10	–	Houses - -		6
22	V. R.	2	10	–	Land - -		22
23	W. B.	2	5	–	House & Land		23
73	Y. M.	1	–	–	House - -		73

I certify, That the above is a correct List, according to the Return [or, Returns] furnished to me by A. B., Collector [or, A. B. and V. C., Collectors] of Grand Jury Rates in the Parish, pursuant to the of WILLIAM the Fourth, chapter

Dated this day of 183

(signed) C. D., Chief Constable of Police.

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SCHEDULE (D)

REQUISITION TO THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF POLICE.

Parish of County of

We require you to summon a Committee for the Relief of Helpless Poor in the Parish, pursuant to the of WILLIAM the Fourth, chapter

Dated this day of 183

To C D, Chief Constable of Police.

(Signed by Five Requisitionists.)

SCHEDULE (E)

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S NOTICE FOR SUMMONING A COMMITTEE.

NOTICE.

Parish of County of

A COMMITTEE will meet at [Place] on the day of at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, for the relief of Helpless Poor in the Parish, pursuant to the of WILLIAM the Fourth, chapter

Dated this day of 183

(signed) C D., Chief Constable of Police

SCHEDULE (F)

I.—ROLL OF THE POOR, AND STATEMENT TO BE PREPARED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE

Parish of County of

No.	Names.	Age in Years.	Occupation.	Nature of Residence in the Parish for Years.	For the Three Years before first entrance on the Roll. Resident in Section	For the Three Years before first entrance on the Roll. Obtained Support in Section	Cause of Help/lessness.	Relations resident with the Family, or Widow.	Allowance per Week. s.	Allowance per Week. d.	To be assessed for Weeks.	TOTAL to be levied. £.	TOTAL to be levied. s.	TOTAL to be levied. d.	To be raised on the Parish at large. £.	To be raised on the Parish at large. s.	To be raised on the Parish at large. d.	To be raised on Estates	Assessed Sum. £.	Assessed Sum. s.	Assessed Sum. d.	No.	OBSERVATIONS as to Character, &c.
TOTAL																							

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	as above.			Contingencies.			TOTAL.		
	£	s	d.	£.	s	d.	£	s.	d
Total Sum to be raised on the parish at large -									
" " exclusively on Section A -									
" " " " B -									
" " " " &c. -									
TOTAL for Relief - -									

FUNDS applicable by the Sub-Committee to the Relief of the Poor in the Parish.

	£	s	d.		£.	s	d.
Lands at producing				a year, and for the half-year ending			183
Rent-charge on "				" " "			"
Interest of Money "				" " "			"
Legacy left by "				" " "			"
Donation by "				" " "			"
TOTAL - -					TOTAL - -		

Total Sum required for the Poor, as above - - - £. s. d.
Funds applicable - - - - - - - -
Deficit - -

Approved by the Sub-committee. (signed) N. O, Guardian [or, Deputy Guardian] of the Poor
Dated this day of 183 . S. V., Sub-committee-man.

2.—ROLL BY THE POOR, AND STATEMENT TO BE PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE.

[The Roll, Total Amount of Relief, and Statement of Funds, are to be in the above Form, F 1.]

[If any division of the Parish into Sections has been made since the last Statement, add:]

The Parish is, for the purposes of the Act passed in the year of WILLIAM the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Relief of the Poor in Ireland in certain Cases," divided into the following Sections, (namely)

Section A, comprising
Section B " "

[If a Guardian or Deputy Guardian of the Poor has been appointed since the last Statement, add:]

N O is appointed Guardian of the Poor, and
O M. is appointed Deputy Guardian of the Poor } of the Parish.

Approved by the Committee. (signed) L. T., Chairman of the Committee.
Dated this day of 183 . M. S., Committee-man.

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SCHEDULE (G.)

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE OF POUNDAGE.

Parish of County of

I CERTIFY, That, according to the Valuation by which the Grand Jury Rates for the Relief of the Poor in the Parish are to be levied, such Rates presented at the Assizes, in the year 183 , to be levied on

					POUNDAGE, In Figures.	POUNDAGE, In Letters.	
	£.	s.	d.				
The Parish at large, being				amount to	4d.	Four-pence	In the pound on the annual value.
Section A. exclusively -				- -	5d.	Five pence	—
Section B. - - -				- -	1d.	One penny	—
Section C. - - -				- -	6d.	Sixpence	—

Dated this day of 183

(signed) E. R., Treasurer of the County.

SCHEDULE (H.)

COLLECTOR'S RECEIPT.

Parish of County of Section A., N° , valued at £. 7 a year.

RECEIVED from R. S. of Five Shillings and Threepence, for Grand Jury Rates, presented at Assizes 183 , for the Relief of the Poor in the Parish.

The above Rates consist of -	4d.	Four-pence	in the Pound on the Parish at large.
And of -	5d.	Five-pence	- - - - - Section A. exclusively.
Total - - - -	9d.	Nine-pence	- - - - in all.

Dated this day of 183

(signed) A. B., Collector.

SCHEDULE (I.)

NOTICE FOR SUMMONING AN EXTRAORDINARY COMMITTEE.

NOTICE.

Parish of County of

AN Extraordinary Committee for the Relief of the Poor will meet at [Place,] on the day of at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for [here specify the subjects to be laid before it], pursuant to the of WILLIAM the Fourth, chapter

Dated this day of 183

(Signed by Seven Committee-men, with their Residences.)

SCHEDULE (K.)

NOTICE FOR SUMMONING AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE.

NOTICE.

Parish of County of

THE Sub-Committee for the Relief of the Poor will meet at [Place], on the day of at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the of WILLIAM the Fourth, chapter

Dated this day of 183

(Signed by Three Sub-Committee-men.)

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SCHEDULE (L.)

Conviction.

County of (to wit.) } At the Petty Sessions held at A. M. of having been duly summoned [or, being present], is this day, on the testimony of D. C. of [or, on his own confession], convicted before us, under an Act passed in the year of the reign of William the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Relief of the Poor in Ireland in certain Cases," of having [here specify the Offence], on the day of in the year 183 , [or, between the day of and the day of], at in the County of . And we hereby adjudge the said A. M., for such offence, to forfeit the sum of £. and to pay the same, with £. Costs, before the day of 183 , according to the same Statute. Given under our hands and seals this day of 183

Justices of the Peace for the County, } C. F. (L. S.) E. D. (L. S.)

N. B. The Forfeiture cannot exceed £.
Costs - - - - - - - £.

SCHEDULE (M.)

Warrant of Distress for a Forfeiture.

County of (to wit.) } Whereas A. M. was convicted before us [or, R. N. and S. R., Justices of the Peace for the County] of having [here specify the Offence], and therefore adjudged to forfeit £. and to pay the same, with £. Costs, before the day of 183 . You are therefore, under the of William the Fourth, chapter hereby ordered on non-payment thereof, to levy the said sums with £. additional Costs, by distress and sale of the goods of the said A. M., rendering to him the overplus (if any) of such sale. Given under our hands and seals at Petty Sessions in this County, this day of 183

Justices of the Peace for the County, } C. F. (L. S.) E. D. (L. S.)

N. B.—The additional Costs cannot exceed £.

To the Chief and other Constables in the County.

SCHEDULE (N.)

1.—Warrant of Arrest for want of Distress.

County of (to wit.) } Whereas upon the return of the Warrant of Distress issued on the day of 183 against the Goods of A. M. of , it was proved to us by the testimony of D. Y. of that sufficient Distress could not be so had. You are therefore, under the of William the Fourth, chapter hereby ordered to arrest the said A. M., and deliver him to the Keeper of the Gaol [or, House of Correction] of the County, together with the subjoined Warrant of Committal. Given under our hands and seals at Petty Sessions, in the County, this day of 183 .

Justices of the Peace for the County, } C. F. (L. S.) E. D. (L. S.)

To the Chief and other Constables in the County.

2.—Warrant of Committal for Non-payment of Forfeiture.

County of (to wit.) } To the Keeper of the Gaol [or, House of Correction] of the County

Whereas A. M. of was on the day of 183 convicted before us [or, R. N. and S. R., Justices of the Peace for the County,] of having [here specify the Offence,] and was therefore adjudged to forfeit £. and to pay the same, with £. Costs, before the day of 183 , which sums are still unpaid. You are therefore under the of William the Fourth, chapter hereby ordered to receive into the said Gaol [or, House of Correction] the said A. M., and detain him for [here specify the Time], if the said Forfeiture and Costs so long remain unpaid. Given under our hands and seals at Petty Sessions in the County, this day of 183 .

Justices of the Peace for the County, } C. F. (L. S.) E. D. (L. S.)

N. B.—The time of Imprisonment cannot exceed Two calendar Months.

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SCHEDULE (O.)

NOTICES OF APPEAL.

1.—NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE PETTY SESSIONS AGAINST THE CHIEF CONSTABLE'S LIST.

NOTICE.

Parish of Couaty of . To

I SHALL appeal to the Petty Sessions at on the day of 183 on account of the List of Grand Jury Rate-payers which was posted on the day of at ia the Parish, not being [or, contaiaing] [here specify the cause of Appeal] pursnant to the of WILLIAM the Fourth, chapter

Dated this day of 183 .

(signed) L. D., [add the Residence.]

2.—NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE GRAND JURY.

NOTICE.

Parish of County of . To

I SHALL appeal to the Grnad Jury nt the Assizes in the year 183 an accouat of the determinatioa of the Committee for the Relief of the Poor, under the of WILLIAM the Fourth, chnpter for dividing the Parish into Sectioas A. B., &c. instead of M. N., &c. [or, including (here insert the denomination of Property) iu Section A. instead of Section B.]
[or, placing on the Roll of the Poor M. O.] [here state the ground of Appeal.]
[or, allowing to M. O. the sum of £.]
[or, chargiag the Allowance to M. O. on Section A. instead of the Parish at large.]

Dated this day of 183 .

(signed) L. D., [add the Resideace.]

3.—NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE GENERAL QUARTER SESSIONS AGAINT A VALUATION.

NOTICE.

Parish of County of

I SHALL appeal to the General Quarter Sessions for the County, to be held nt in the Month of 183 , against the Valuation of the Parish, under the of WILLIAM the Fourth, chapter on account of the name [or, denomiaation] A. M. being inserted therein instead of N. R. [or, being omitted therein; or, the denomination A. Y. being over-valued in comparison with P. V.]

Dated this dny of 183 . (signed) L. D., [add the Residence.]

4.—NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE GENERAL QUARTER SESSIONS AGAINST A CONVICTION.

NOTICE.

Parish of Couaty of

To I. B. Clerk of Petty Sessions.

I SHALL appeal to the General Quarter Sessions for the County, to be held at in the month of 183 , ngainst the Conviction of me, by C. F. aad E. D. Justices of the Peace, as having [here specify the Offence alleged.]

Dated this day of 183 . (signed) A. M., [add the Residence.]

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SCHEDULE (P.)

ORDER TO THE CHIEF CONSTABLE TO CORRECT HIS LIST.

Parish of County of

WHEREAS it has been proved to us, by the testimony of of that the name of of is improperly omitted [or, the sum annexed to the name of of is erroneously stated] in the List of Rate-payers posted on the day of at , under the of WILLIAM the Fourth, chapter : We therefore hereby order you in such List to insert the name of next before [or, after] the name of [or, to annex the sum of £. , instead of £. to the name of .] Given under our hands and seals, this day of 183 , at Petty Sessions.

Justices of the Peace for the County, { C. F. (L. S.) E. D. (L. S.)

To the Chief Constable of Police.

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Poor Relief (Ireland.)

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B I L L

To authorize the Relief of the Poor of Ireland in certain Cases.

(*Prepared and brought in by*
Sir Richard Musgrave and Mr. James Grattan.)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be *Printed*,
22 *February* 1826.

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